

SENATOR NELSON: Yes, Mr. President, and members of the body, my amendment...first, I guess, I need to move to return it to Select File.

PRESIDENT: Go ahead. You are talking on that motion, go ahead.

SENATOR NELSON: Pardon?

PRESIDENT: You have made that motion so go ahead with it.

SENATOR NELSON: All right. My amendment is the amendment that was filed by Senator Scofield, amendment number 2771 and it is that same duplicate amendment. I feel that this is still an issue and the public is very much concerned and what this does, if there is a complaint by the public in regard to unsafe railroad operations or practices, which unreasonably hinder public convenience and so on, that the Public Service Commission may investigate the complaint and hold a public hearing and, if necessary, again require manned cabooses. When this was voted on the last time, it was a 23 to 23 vote and I still feel that this is very much a needed part of the railroad operation and our caboose problem. However, in essence of time and so on, I will withdraw my amendment. I do, however, feel it is very important and that maybe down the road this will be necessary should the law pass. But in essence of time, I will cooperate and withdraw that amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Nelson is withdrawing her motion.

CLERK: Mr. President, in that case, I have a motion from Senator Pappas to return the bill to Select File for a specific amendment. (Senator Pappas's amendment appears on page 2380 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Pappas.

SENATOR PAPPAS: Mr. President and colleagues, I rise to offer this specific amendment. I wish we could have had it yesterday because, basically, it was something that I felt that should have been added to the bill because one thrust we have been talking about is whether or not there is technology available to replace the manned caboose and whether there isn't. And I have always come on the stand that there is not technology available at the present time to replace the manned caboose and my specific amendment would basically ask or require the trains, if the bill was enacted in law, the remaining caboose crewmen to